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BRIEF VISIT: French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing left here Monday after reviewing world developments with King Khalid and Crown Prince Fahd. He is seen here chatting with the King (left) and (right) escorted by Prince Fahd to the plane.

Says Chinese premier

Neutrality impossible until Soviets go

PEKING, March 10 (AP) — Chinese Vice Premier Li Xianmin said Monday Afghanistan cannot become neutral until Soviet troops withdraw "with no conditions attached," until the Afghan people choose their own government and the people of the world support their struggle.

Li also said he knows the United States did not interfere in Afghanistan's affairs, as the Soviet Union has charged.

The vice premier made the comments in an hour-long meeting with Gov. Richard L. Thornburgh of Pennsylvania, U.S. Ambassador Leonard Woodcock was present. A member of the governor's delegation later reported their conversation.

Li said some Islamic countries have said Afghanistan can enjoy neutrality if there is no interference from foreign countries.

"I think this is a step back from the resolution signed by the United Nations," he said.

"In my opinion," said Li, "The Soviet Union should withdraw from Afghanistan with no conditions attached. Second, the Afghan people should be able to choose their own government and third, the people of the world should support the Afghan people's struggle."

"I agree the precondition of withdrawal should come before any political solution," Woodcock said in answer to a question from Li. He also said he agreed the Afghan people should determine their own government.

Woodcock reportedly reserved comment, however, on the people of the world supporting the Afghan people fighting the Soviet Union.

The Chinese People's Daily said Monday the Soviet Union's use of nerve gas in Afghanistan shows the world that "the rulers in Moscow are a bunch of merciless bandits."

Soviet troops are using nerve gas to kill Muslims and inhabitants of Afghanistan's Kunar region, said the newspaper, voice of the party central committee.

"This shows the Soviet rulers are becoming more and more ruthless in their aggression and expansion," it said in a commentary. China also reported the Soviet Union has nearly 100,000 chemical warfare specialists and an enormous arsenal. Nearly a third of all Soviet rockets and missiles are equipped with chemical warheads, it said.

"To test and improve its lethal weapons," the newspaper said, the Soviets are deploying them against thousands of innocent people "in disregard of the Geneva agreement prohibiting use of poison gases."

The newspaper said, "The use of poison gas can in no way help the aggressor. On the contrary it can only show to the world more clearly that the rulers in Moscow are a bunch of merciless hangmen."

Meanwhile, an American carpet dealer, Charles Brockmeyer, has vanished in Kabul and U.S. diplomats in India believe he has been arrested.

There has been no confirmation of the arrest from the Afghan government.

Another American was arrested in Kabul last month at the time of big anti-Soviet demonstrations in the capital. The Afghan government named him as Robert Lee, called him a Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) spy, and said he would be tried for sabotage.

A U.S. businessman who arrived in New Delhi from Kabul said Brockmeyer had made visits there for a number of years.

"He has just disappeared. Nobody seems to know what's happened to him," the businessman said.

In New York, an Afghan envoy who defected says the European Common Market should consult the Afghan people before seeking guaranteed neutrality for the country in exchange for a Soviet troop withdrawal, *Newsweek* reported.

The envoy, Abdurahim Ghafoorza, was

sent to the United Nations three weeks ago to defend Soviet intervention in his country. He attacked the Kremlin action and defected.

Newsweek quoted him as saying "no measure should be imposed upon the Afghan people. The proposal to declare Afghanistan a neutral state must be discussed with the people and their views taken into account."

He suggested that the six insurgent parties based in Pakistan should be consulted on the proposal whenever they succeeded in forming a united front.

He said he believed the Soviet Union was searching for a face saving way on withdrawing its troops because it valued its international standing.

The 33-year-old envoy worked for the previous pro-Soviet Hafizullah Amin government because people "had to work with him to stay alive" and no exit visas were issued.

Ghafoorza said Soviet advisers ran all the ministries under the pretext of helping Afghanistan fight the threat to their sovereignty.

Connally quits presidential race

ORLANDO, Florida, March 10 (R) — John Connally, former Texas governor and U.S. treasury secretary, has pulled out of the Republican presidential race, leaving Ronald Reagan and George Bush to fight out Tuesday's Florida, Alabama and Georgia state primaries.

Connally withdrew Sunday after running a distant second to one-time California governor Reagan in South Carolina despite an intensive and expensive campaign. He won only 30 percent of the vote to Reagan's 54 per cent.

Reagan, according to polls and Republican party officials, holds a comfortable but not unbreakable lead in the southern primaries.

Former Central Intelligence Agency director George Bush had been closing the gap in Florida, but his 15 per cent showing in South Carolina may have dealt his chances a major setback.

Reagan now has 62 Republican convention delegates of the 998 needed for nomination against Bush's 36. Connally had one and the only other official contender, Representative John Anderson from Illinois, has 19, there are 114 at stake Tuesday.

A fourth possibility, former President Gerald Ford, is widely expected to enter the race unless Bush or Anderson win in the south or in the Illinois primary on March 18.

Ford has said he believes the ultra-conservative Reagan could not win the presidential election in November.

Both Reagan and Bush scheduled press conferences for Monday morning for a last appeal to Republican voters in the nation's seventh-largest state before flying to Georgia and Alabama.

Anderson is not campaigning in the south.

Democrats also hold their primaries in Florida, Alabama and Georgia Tuesday, but there has been little active campaigning and President Jimmy Carter is expected to win all three.

His challenger, Senator Edward Kennedy, said in a television interview Sunday he was concentrating his efforts on Illinois.

Toy pistol plane hijacker surrenders

BEIRUT, March 10. (Agencies) — A 20-year-old Lebanese man hijacked a Middle East Airlines plane Monday with a toy pistol but gave himself up when the plane landed here.

Airport sources said the Boeing 707 on a flight from Amman to Beirut, carried 53 passengers and eight crew.

The hijacker, Mustafa Abdul-Kader Hammoud, told reporters he wanted to draw attention to the mystery surrounding the fate of Shi'ite Muslim leader Imam Moussa Sadr, who disappeared after visiting Libya in 1978.

The Libyan authorities have denied responsibility for the Imam's disappearance, saying he left their country after his visit.

Several hijackings have been staged to press for a follow-up to the Imam's case.

On Jan. 31, police at Beirut airport foiled a hijacking attempt by three armed Lebanese about to board an Air France airliner on a flight to Paris.

Only three days before, a 30-year-old southern Lebanese hijacked a Middle East Airlines plane in a flight from Baghdad to Beirut. A teenager in the same month commandeered an MEA airliner shortly after it took off from Beirut for Larnaca, Cyprus.

The plane was hardly air-borne when Hammoud sprang from his seat, brandished his \$1.5 toy pistol and shouted "I'm hijacking this plane," one passenger said.

Hammoud then proceeded to the cockpit, threatened the pilot with the same toy and stood back speechless, prompting uneasy questions by the captain as to what the hijacker was up to.

"I don't know, you can land anywhere, maybe at the nearest airport," Hammoud was quoted as telling the pilot.

Twenty minutes before landing, the pilot radioed Beirut airport control tower that the plane was being hijacked.

The pilot discovered the nature of the toy pistol only after the plane touched down.

Rifle-wielding securitymen quickly ringed the aircraft and officials alerted Interior Minister Nazeem Qadri who sped to the airport to negotiate with the hijacker.

But the door of the plane suddenly was opened and there was Hammoud, smiling broadly, shouting "I'm releasing everyone here."

He walked to a police officer, handed him the toy pistol and laughed.

U.S.-Israeli aircraft plan questionable

Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, March 10 — Israel plans to back out of a plan under study to co-produce fighter aircraft with the United States and will instead opt to develop its own aircraft with U.S. technical help, defense sources reported.

"The co-production plan is dead," a Pentagon spokesman told the *Arab News - Asharq Al-Awsat* Monday.

Although the Pentagon has not received formal notice of Israel's change of mind, the spokesman said a vote in the Israeli Knesset last week clearly set the tone for Israel's desire to concentrate on developing its own fighter called "the Lion."

The *Arab News - Asharq Al-Awsat* also has learned that the United States and Israel have already held informal talks on the transfer of technology and the purchase of U.S.-manufactured aircraft engines.

A Pentagon spokesman confirmed Monday that an Israeli delegation is expected here within two weeks to begin formal negotiations on possible transfers and sales.

According to Pentagon sources Israel wants to buy General Electric engine Model 404. This is the same engine used in the U.S. McDonnell Douglas F18, a twin-engine fighter with all-weather capability.

The first F18s, designed to replace the F4 Phantom, are now being tested by the U.S. Navy.

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Rightist militiamen maintain a permanent checkpoint at Barbara, about 50 kms from the capital, where the blast took place.

The rightwing Flangist radio said the bomb was in a taxi on its way to the northern port city of Tripoli.

The driver and a passenger were killed and a second passenger was wounded. In addition, a militiaman manning the checkpoint was injured.

In Damascus Syrian Army Chief of Staff Maj. General Hikmat Shehabi has had lengthy talks with Lebanese Army Commander Gen. Victor Khoury on the withdrawal of Syrian troops from Beirut.

Gen. Khoury arrived Damascus Saturday by road from the Lebanese capital.

A brief announcement said the talks also covered other matters relating to security in Beirut. They were attended by the Syrian deputy chief of staff, Maj. Gen. Ali Aslan.

Syrian peace-keeping troops, stationed in Lebanon under an Arab League mandate since intervening to help end the 1975-76 civil war, started a planned pull-out from some parts of Christian east Beirut earlier this week, but made no move to evacuate sensitive Muslim areas.

The fledgling Lebanese army took over the positions vacated by the Syrians.

Informed sources in Beirut said that Gen. Khoury would discuss Syrian withdrawal from the predominantly Muslim western sector of the capital during his Damascus talks.

Talks stress Arab rights, bilateral ties

By Mohammad Al Shabani

RIYADH, March 10 — French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing's brief visit here Monday ended with a concise statement in which he stressed strong bilateral relations, common interests and the rights of the people of Palestine.

The French president arrived here at noon and was welcomed at the airport by Crown Prince Fahd, who later accompanied him during his courtesy call on King Khalid.

After a working lunch, Prince Fahd and the French leader held a closed-door meeting for one and a half hours. At the same time a meeting was held separately between Prince Saad Al-Faisal and Jean Francois Poacet, foreign ministers of the two countries.

The talks primarily dealt with the French resolve on a positive initiative to settle the Palestine issue through its recognition of the rights of the people of Palestine and perhaps of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) in the near future.

President Giscard put forward his concept of the issue and the outcome of his discussions on the subject with the leaders of the states he has just visited.

According to a diplomat, the French president is trying to muster support for his step from the Gulf states and Jordan, and he views Saudi Arabia as key to the issue. His inclusion of Jordan will, no doubt, determine the extent of success or failure of the efforts which are still in the process of diplomatic consultations.

Another French diplomat said his country did not establish any contact with the PLO on the French president's new initiative, but he said Saudi Arabia was free to convey the French views to Palestinian leaders.

Meanwhile, Prince Fahd welcomed French recognition of Palestinian rights. He described it as "constructive and very good" and added that Saudi Arabia appreciated France's sympathetic and constructive stance on the just issue of Palestine.

Their talks dealt with Saudi-French relations, their development in political and oil spheres and joint cooperation in different fields. The two sides expressed satisfaction with these relations and said they were keen to develop them further.

The sources did not rule out that the talks might have also covered the Kingdom's desire to obtain a nuclear reactor for peaceful purposes. Saudi Arabian ambassador to France Jamil Hejel said the subject had been discussed earlier. The two sides are still interested and it will be difficult to say that they have given up the project.

President Giscard is reported to have explained to Saudi officials the reasons for his government abstaining from denouncing the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. Observers, meanwhile, view that the French leader is trying to create a strong position for his country in the region through his new initiative.

Jordan and France said earlier Monday intensive efforts should be made to hold Middle East peace talks in which all parties, including the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), take part.

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Arafat said Palestinians would be unable to forget what happened at the U.N. Security Council when the White House said the U.S.

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King receives ulema

RIYADH, March 10 (SPA) — King Khalid Monday received the Ulema and tribal chiefs as is customary every Monday.

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In Royal dinner d'Estaing honored

RIYADH, March 10 (SPA) — Crown Prince Fahd gave a lunch at Al-Nassereya Palace in honor of French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing and his accompanying delegation Monday.

The banquet was attended by Second Deputy Premier and Commander of the National Guard Prince Abdullah, Minister of Defense and Aviation Prince Sultan and other members of the royal family, cabinet ministers, state officials and other high-ranking officers.

The French peace proposal for the Middle East is to have been a special and important subject of study between King Khaled, Crown Prince Fahd and President Valery Giscard d'Estaing during his short visit to Riyadh Monday, the Saudi Arabian ambassador to France, Sheikh Jameel Al-Hujailan said.

Hujailan told *Al-Riyadh* newspaper Monday that the proposal will be complete when France declares its recognition of the PLO.

Housing Minister meets French Cooperation Agency

RIYADH, March 10 (SPA) — Minister of Housing and Public Works Prince Miteb, the acting Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs, Monday met the chairman of the French Cooperation Agency, Jerome Monne, and his delegation.

They discussed the bilateral relations in housing, and municipal and rural affairs. The meeting was attended by Nizar Kurdi, deputy minister of public works, and Omar Gadi the deputy minister of municipal and rural affairs.

Agriculture ministers meet to discuss joint ventures

MUSCAT, March 10 (SPA) — Minister of Agriculture and Water Dr. Abdul Rahman Abdul Aziz Al-Sbeikh arrived here Sunday leading the Saudi Arabian delegation to the fifth Conference of Ministers of Agriculture and Water of the Gulf and Arabian Peninsula states which opened Monday.

The conference will discuss establishing joint projects among the nations of the region and promoting agricultural cooperation. It was opened by Tuwini ibn Shihab, advisor to the ruler of Oman Sultan ibn Qabus. He emphasized the necessity of agricultural cooperation among the nations of the area.

Dr. Jalal Ashy leaves for medical conference

RIYADH, March 10 (SPA) — The assistant general director of protective medicine, Dr. Jalal Ashy, left here Monday for New Delhi to represent Saudi Arabia at a meet-

As they say, the French are looking for a just and comprehensive solution to the Middle East problem, including the guarantee of secure and recognized borders to all parties, he said.

Hujailan pointed out to the importance of the French moves which came at a time when the Palestinian cause suffered a sever blow from a leading Arab state. He called on Arab countries to support the proposal which won the support of all European countries.

He denied that the French President's visit was a substitute of a visit by the French Premier, Raymond Barre, and was postponed from Feb. 21 because of King Khaled's health condition.

Hujailan praised the close relations between Saudi Arabia and France. The talks will cover the close cooperation in all fields and especially oil, he added.

Asked if the talks would cover providing Saudi Arabia with a French nuclear reactor, the ambassador said that the issue was under discussion, and it will remain so.



ROYAL GREETING: King Khaled (left picture) greets his brother Prince Abdullah upon his release from the hospital. (At right) King Khaled meets princes, ministers and friends at the Royal Palace.



Arab rule in East Jerusalem examined

RIYADH, March 10 (R) — The Islamic Conference Organization's Jerusalem Committee will meet in Marrakesh Tuesday to examine its plans for getting East Jerusalem returned to Arab rule, a spokesman said.

The committee, chaired by King Hassan of Morocco, wants the return of Arab rule to the holy city as part of any settlement of the Palestine issue.

Its members are Morocco, Saudi Arabia, Indonesia, Pakistan, Senegal, Bangladesh, Lebanon, Jordan, Syria, Sudan, Libya, Iran, Guinea and the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Earlier, Moroccan Foreign Minister Muhammad Boucetta told *Arab News* that King Hassan had intensified contacts with the Vatican, Europe and the United States attempting to outline the dangers arising from Israel's continued occupation of

King Hassan

Jerusalem. The King has called for an end to Israeli practices of desecration in Jerusalem, the spokesman said.

During the interview, Boucetta also blasted the Committee of African wisemen which met in Khartoum several months ago, to discuss the dispute between Algeria and Morocco.

Morocco did not attend the meeting, Boucetta said, so that the issue could be studied by objective observers. But Morocco was surprised when the main issue on the agenda was not even discussed.

"Had it been a committee of wisemen, as the name indicates, it would have tried to create the proper climate for Morocco and Algeria," Boucetta said. "But the climate was far from such serenity."

Hamra medical analysis laboratory opens

RIYADH, March 10 (SPA) — Prince Mansour ibn Mishal opened Monday the Hamra medical analysis laboratories. Guests

who attended the ceremony inspected the divisions, electronic equipments and met specialists working there.

Bahrain Education Minister arrives in Riyadh

RIYADH, March 10 (SPA) — The minister of education of Bahrain, Sheikh Abdul Aziz ibn Muhammad Al-Khalifa, arrived here Monday in a short visit to the Kingdom

Lymphoma society expands membership roster

DAMMAM, March 10 (SPA) — The Lymphoma Society agreed to the participation of a number of specialists from Sudanese, British and Swiss universities in studies of the disease.

It has also approved participation of lymphoma experts from Gulf and Saudi Arabian



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as part of his tour of Gulf states.

He was received at the airport by Dr. Abdul Aziz Al-Khuwairi the minister of education and officials of his ministry.

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Shahid Muhammad ibn Abdul Wahhab.

The prince also inaugurated a book exhibition.

RIYADH, March 10 (SPA) — Deputy Governor of the Eastern Province Prince Muhammad ibn Fahd ibn Jiluwi dedicated the Second International Book Fair on Monday. The ceremony was held at the central library of the Petroleum and Minerals University of Dhahran.

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Islamic Development Bank Board of Governors meets

JEDDAH, March 10 (SPA) — Acting Governor of Mecca Prince Saud ibn Abdul Aziz opened the fourth annual session of the Board of Governors of the Islamic Development Bank Tuesday.

The three-day meeting will discuss the bank's achievements last year and its policies during the current year. The Saudi delegation to the conference will be led by Minister of Finance and National Economy Sheikh Muhammad Abu Al-Khalil.

Within five years, the Bank financed projects worth 759.53 million Islamic Dinars or approximately \$ 943.32 million. The Bank approved financing totalling L.D. 381.68 million (\$ 490.94 million) in 1979.

In 1979, the IOB began financing foreign trade operations for member states, and it granted loans totalling L.D. 445.68 million equivalent to \$ 559.43 million, which constitutes 59 per cent of all IOB financing operations.

IDB President Dr. Ahmad Muhammad Ali said the Bank has recruited highly qualified technical staff from member countries, including economists, finance analysts, industrial and agricultural engineers and others. The Bank also has highly qualified legal advisers and accountants.

The Bank uses its whole strength to con-

duct feasibility studies on projects in various member states calling for financing. Dr. Ali said. He added that every time the Council of Executive Directors approves a project, the Bank's operations and projects department follows up its implementation.

But, he said in addition to all this the Bank sometimes hires the services of external consultants when it comes to specific projects requiring skills not available at the Bank.

Dr. Ali said that the IDB has financed projects totalling L.D. 382 million (\$491 million) covering various fields, including infrastructure, education, roads and ports, and industries such as the cement, oil refining, and others. The Bank often extended assistance for feasibility studies.

In addition, the IDB established strong working relations with various worldwide development institutions such as the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the International Fund for Agricultural Development, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, and the World Health Organization.

It also has a solid relationship with regional organizations like the Asian Development Bank, the African Islamic Development Bank, The Arab Economic and Social Development Fund, and the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa. The Bank also maintains relations with national financial institutions such as the Saudi Development Fund, the Kuwait Development Fund, the Abu Dhabi Development Fund, the Iraqi Development Fund, and the Libyan External Bank.

Dr. Ali said the board of governors was attended by ministers of finance and economy of the Bank's 36 member states.

He said he will submit to the conference a detailed report on the Bank's performance and closing accounts for last year. In the light of this report, the governors will issue their directives to the Council of Executive Directors and the Bank's administration to define the policies to be followed in its financing activities.

He added that he will also submit to the board membership applications of four new Islamic countries which would bring the total number of IOB members to 40 states.

He said that all development institutions with which the Bank cooperates have been invited to attend the meeting.

Youth welfare to be discussed at conference

JEDDAH, March 10 (SPA) — The Islamic Solidarity Fund's standing committee will meet in its 16th session here April 1, under the chairmanship of Dr. Ezzeddin Ibrahim, cultural advisor to the President of the United Arab Emirates and the council president.

The council is slated to discuss topics connected with the fund's activities in the field of Islamic propagation, study circles, youth welfare and assistance to the related organizations in Africa, the Middle East, Australia, Europe and America.

The question of giving aids to some Islamic states and organizations within the context of programs connected with the 15th Islamic century celebrations will also come up for discussion during the council's deliberations.

Meanwhile, Fund's Director Ibrahim ibn Ismail has stated that the council will discuss the assessment budget of the fund and scrutinize a report of the experts committee on the project of an Islamic university in Niger. The delegate of Niger will brief the council on the project.

Other subjects included in the council's agenda are a study of an expert committee's report on the project of a teachers' college in Chicago, cooperation with the organizations joining in the setting up of Islamic centers in Africa and the Islamic youth camps in Mali, Bangladesh and America.

Delegations from Saudi Arabia and 12 other Islamic states will take part in the meetings, which will also be attended by Habib Chatti, secretary general of the Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC).

Saudi Comment

By Sulaiman Al-Ossami

Al Riyadh

The palm tree is the symbol of our country and holds many meanings. It was our ancestors' only food and shelter from the scorching sun. The tree is now being eliminated from the green fields. One old man said he cried when he saw people uprooting the trees that meant everything to him.

Plants are being imported from far and near, while the palm has been ignored so much that some of our streets are totally deprived of them. The palms have been uprooted and replaced by decoration plants.

Despite this, the palm is still the emblem of our country. It signifies prosperity achieved through security and justice. But some people forget it is our symbol and do not care to beautify streets, airports, government buildings and homes with palms.

Its fruits provided food for those who fought for this country and protected it from threats. Honn this tree for it is dear. Some people don't want to see it eliminated from the country.

According to statistical reports, aliens form nearly 45 per cent of Jeddah's population. We seem to be getting lost in our own country amidst this throng of people.

A remedy, therefore, has to be found urgently to stop the import of people from outside. At the same time, we must reconsider the customs and practices of companies, establishments and even individuals who are simply interested in collecting a large retinue of servants from different nationalities.

We must not also lose sight of those who import laborers, engineers and even doctors and then set them free in the street against payment of specific sums. It is high time we revise the manpower import rules, or else we shall be even more lost amidst aliens in our own country.

WEATHER

A heat wave will affect most parts of the kingdom except some parts of the central and eastern regions where temperatures will drop slightly.

Winds will be light and variable. They will come southerly to south westerly in the north-western region, causing occasional sand haze.

Seas will be calm to light. Monday's temperatures (maximum, minimum in centigrade)

Mecca 35 22
Jeddah 34 20
Riyadh 30 15
Ohraran 27 15
Medina 31 17
Taif 28 14
Jizan 32 24
Hail 26 05
Turaiif 23 07
Qaisumah 28 12
Yanbu 32 17
Abha 22 09



IN MECCA: The Ministers of Endowments and Islamic Affairs are holding their second conference. The Ministers will preserve King Khalid's opening statement as one of its official documents.

Australian swim coaches to instruct Saudi national team

RIYADH, March 10 — Up to nine Australian Olympic swimming, diving and water polo coaches will come to the Kingdom later this year to train the Saudi national team.

"They're getting the world's best coaches," said Ms. Linda McGill, a former Olympic finalist and Commonwealth Games gold medalist who has been in Riyadh for the last three weeks negotiating the deal.

The coaches for a year will be working for the Presidency of Youth Welfare through the Saudi Swimming Federation. Prince Faisal Ibn Fahd, President of Youth Welfare has in principle accepted an invitation to visit Australia initially extended by Premier John Bjelke-Petersen of Queensland. McGill's

home state. Negotiations are still underway but so far two of Australia's top coaches have agreed to

Qatif to begin first aid session

QATIF, March 10 (SPA) — The Social Services Center of Qatif will organize a three month session to train women on first aid medical treatment. Twenty ladies will study at the session.

The director of the center, Mansour Al-Hallal, said that the women's division has a six month typing and copying session. Thirty-one girls are being trained in two evening and morning sessions.

come to the Kingdom for a year from August after their current Olympic-oriented contracts expire.

Both Forbes Carlyle and Don Talbert have coached the Australian Olympic team since 1956. Carlyle, the chief coach, is also now training at the University of Ohio. He trained the male gold medalist, Shane Gould.

Talbert has trained 26 Olympic gold medalists and is known as one of the world's toughest coaches. He has promised that after a year at least one Saudi swimmer would be among the world's top 25. "They will hate him," warned McGill who has trained under him in the past.

Other coaches considering the move are all Olympic gold medalists including Bob Winkler, 1500 meters in Tokyo, Kevin Barry, butterfly in Tokyo, and Bernard Cooper, 400

metres at Munich.

Australia is very excited and honored by the invitation (to send the coaches), said McGill who is representing the Australian Union of Swimming Coaches. She trains the

Islamic ministers decide to preserve King's speech

RIYADH, March 10 (SPA) — The Second Ministers of Endowments and Islamic Affairs conference which opened in Mecca Saturday, decided to preserve King Khalid's opening statement as one of documents of the conference. Sheikh Abdul Wahab Abdul Wasie, minister of pilgrimage and endowments presented the statement on behalf of the King.

Assistant secretary general of the Muslim World League, Sheikh Muhammad Safwat Al-Saqqa, said Monday the Ministers of Endowments and Islamic Affairs praised Saudi Arabia's efforts in adopting Islamic causes and fighting the enemies of Islam. The ministers unanimously decided to suspend Egypt's membership at the conference.

Meanwhile, the Jordanian Minister of Endowments and Islamic Affairs and

head of the Jordanian delegation to the conference, praised King Khalid's statement and described it as "one of the basic documents of the conference."

The official confirmed his country's support for working to liberate Jerusalem and occupied Arab lands.

The head of the Pakistani delegation spoke of his country's experience in applying the Islamic Sharia, and condemned the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan which caused Afghan refugees to flee to Pakistan. Their number will rise to a million, he said. The delegates of Sudan and North Yemen also spoke about the application of Sharia in their countries.

The conference resumed its meetings Monday morning under the deputy chairman, the minister of religious affairs of Somalia.

Sino-Arabian group meets in Taipei

TAIPEI, March 10 (CNA) — The Sino-Arabian Cultural and Economic Association has held their annual spring party recently at the Reinsurance Building in downtown Taipei.

Joseph K. Twaanmoh, chairman of the association, presided over the party, which was attended by more than 100 people, including Saudi Charge d'Affaires Mohamed Ab Khoghr, Communications Minister Lin Chin-shen, board members and supervisors of the association, and visitors and students from Arabian countries.

Twaanmoh pointed out in his opening remarks at the party that trade, economic, and cultural relations between the Republic of China and Arabian countries have improved considerably in the past few years. He expressed the hope that these ties be further improved.

The participants in the party were entertained by performances staged by students of the National Academy of Arts. The party lasted two and a half hours, complete with a raffle to give away prizes.



CULTURE: A Chinese folk dance is performed at a gathering of the Sino-Arabian cultural and economic association in Taipei. Saudi Arabian Charge d'Affaires Mohammad Ali Khoghr attended the event.

BRIEFS

MECCA, March 10 (SPA) — The Second Conference of Ministers of Endowments and Islamic Affairs Monday congratulated King Khalid on leaving the hospital. The cable expressed the conference delegates pleasure for the King's statement presented at the opening of the conference, and was considered one of its official documents.

DAHARAN, March 10 (SPA) — A British trade delegation representing the Bristol Chamber of Commerce and Industry arrived here Monday on a four day visit to the Eastern Province. The delegation will confer with the officials of Omani Chamber of Commerce and Industry and businessmen in the area.

RIYADH, March 10 (SPA) — The Saudi Standards Organization issued standard specifications for pressure pipes supported with artificial fibers, and ways of examining their qualities on Monday. The specifications were circulated to concerned parties. The Organization requested companies return their opinions in two months from the date of issue.

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vote against Israel's settlement policy in occupied territories was an error.

Palestinians must receive a bad impression of the future of the U.N. if such conduct could be tolerated, he said.

The incident not only damaged U.S. credibility, but also affected that of the U.N. and the Security Council, and this was a dangerous sign, he added.

Arzai was evasive when asked whether the door was now open for him to visit France officially. He said he would not come without an invitation, and the matter was one for the French president.

The chances of an overall Middle East settlement providing for the security of all states in the area including Israel, he said: "Before speaking of the security for all states, we must speak about the security of the Palestinians."

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'Vital for economy'

Zia firm on nuclear program

LAHORE, Pakistan, March 10 (R) — President Muhammad Zia Ul-Haq said Monday Pakistan was determined to continue its nuclear development program for peaceful purposes as it was vital for the nation's economy.

Zia told a delegation of engineers here that Pakistan's conventional energy sources of hydroelectric power, natural gas, and coal were insufficient for its requirements while oil production was meeting hardly 13 per cent of Pakistan's needs.

Pakistan was trying to acquire nuclear technology for development projects of "extreme and vital national importance," he said.

Zia's foreign affairs adviser, Agha Shahi, said on March 5 there was a "suggestion" in a United States offer of \$400 million in economic and military aid. Its acceptance could "affect the pursuit of our nuclear research and development program as long as the aid relationship continued."

Sudan official visits Ethiopia

NAIROBI, March 10 (R) — Sudanese Vice President Abdul-Magid Khalil arrived to the Ethiopian capital Monday for an official visit, Addis Ababa radio reported.

The two neighboring countries, whose relations have suffered as a consequence of the long insurgency in Ethiopia's northern province of Eritrea which has sent hundreds of thousands of refugees into Sudan, have been attempting to improve ties for some months.

Sadat says

Autonomy date must be honored

CAIRO, March 10 (R) — President Anwar Sadat says in an interview with the *Los Angeles Times* reported here that the May target day to conclude Palestinian autonomy talks should be regarded as a deadline.

The official, Middle East News Agency, in an Arabic-language translation of the interview, quoted Sadat as saying "May 26 is not a target date but a deadline which we must take seriously."

Side letters on the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty said both countries had set themselves the goal of completing the negotiations within one year. They made no reference to a deadline.

But Sadat said: "It is a deadline that should be respected. If the date is not fulfilled then a new situation arises."

Delays decision on friendship pact

Mali summit backs Polisario Front

BAMAKO, March 10 (R) — Leaders from six African countries have reaffirmed their support for the Polisario Front fighting for the independence of the Western Sahara.

The six countries, Algeria, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Niger and Libya, Sunday demanded in a communique that the Western Saharan people be allowed to exercise their sovereign right to self-determination.

The front has been fighting a four-year guerrilla war against Morocco for independence of the former Spanish colony in north-west Africa.

But after a two-day summit in the Mali capital the six leaders failed to agree on the setting up of a preferential political and economic organization, political sources here said.

The five heads of state and Maj. Abdulsalem Jalloud, representing Libya's Col. Muammar Qaddafi also postponed a decision on a friendship and non-aggression pact between them and asked their foreign ministers to further study the issue and report to the fifth Saharan conference due to be held in two years' time in the Mauritanian capital of

Nouakchott.

The declared support of the six states of the region for the Polisario Front which was directly named in the communique was widely expected. It was seen as a further step on the part of an increasing number of Third World countries to isolate Morocco diplomatically, the sources said.

Despite last-minute efforts, Morocco failed to be allowed to attend the Bamako meeting, although the kingdom has centuries-old Saharan traditions, they said.

On cooperation, the summit decided to set up five special standing committees to review cooperation in all fields, officials said.

But no details were given as to whether oil-rich countries like Libya and Algeria had pledged financial aid to countries like Mauritania or Mali, both severely hit by drought.

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U.S. tennis squad humbled

Argentina wins Davis Cup zone final



Guillermo Vilas

BUENOS AIRES, March 10 (R) — Argentina humbled the mighty U.S. tennis machine Sunday, winning the American zone final for the Davis Cup 4-1 to bundle the champions out of the competition.

Jose Luis Clerc beat Brian Gottfried 8-5 6-4 in the final match to complete an Argentine clean sweep in the singles in blazing sunshine at the Buenos Aires Lawn Tennis Club.

Earlier, U.S. number one John McEnroe lost his second marathon singles match going down 6-2 4-6 6-3 2-6 6-4 to Guillermo Vilas in temperatures well into the nineties.

The second singles was shortened to the best of three sets, as the McEnroe-Vilas duel had lasted a grueling five-and-a-quarter hours.

Clerc, 21, fresh from Saturday's stunning victory over McEnroe, was not inclined to be generous with Gottfried. The first set was even up to the 11th game, when Clerc broke Gottfried's service and held his own for the set.

In the second the Argentine ran away to a 5-2 lead, but the 28-year-old U.S. player rallied bravely, saving two match points before Clerc clinched the set and match.

Argentina beat the United States in 1977, also in Buenos Aires. But few could have

Teenager scores personal high

Robinson leads Detroit win

NEW YORK, March 10 (AP) — Young Cliff Robinson wasn't showing his age Sunday as the New Jersey Nets clobbered the Detroit Pistons 140-100 in a National Basketball Association contest.

The rookie, who in three days will lose the distinction of being the NBA's only teenager, gunned in a personal high of 45 points. He played only 36 minutes, canning 19 of 28 shots and 11 of his last 13.

Robinson also grabbed 10 rebounds and passed off for four assists.

Bullets 123, Celtics 128

John Williamson scored 21 points, including seven in overtime, as the Washington Bullets won for the eighth time in the last 10 games in their late-season push for a playoff berth. The Celtics had won nine games in a row previously. Washington's Elvin Hayes took scoring honors with 35 points. Rookie Larry Bird paced Boston with 33.

76ers 113, Spurs 118

Julius Erving and Doug Collins scored 24 points each as Philadelphia handed San Antonio its eighth consecutive defeat.

Champion Hunt faces Pakistani in squash test

LONDON, March 10 (R) — World champion Geoff Hunt of Australia will spend part of his 33rd birthday battling to reach his ninth British Open Squash Championship final here Tuesday.

Six-times winner Hunt — he was runner-up in 1970 and 1972 — knows his semifinal clash against world number three Mohibullah Khan of Pakistan will be his toughest test to date in the eight-day, 20,000 sterling (\$46,000) tournament.

"I shall need to be at my very best against Mohibullah, who is certainly one of the most talented players in the world," said top seed Hunt.

The Australian has not looked as sharp as usual during the early rounds, while Mohibullah gave a timely demonstration of his form by thrashing rated New Zealander Bruce Brownlee for the loss of three points, in the quarter-finals Sunday.

Mohibullah's compatriots world number two Omar Zaman and number five Masood Ali led the other semifinal.

Hunt stayed on course for his seventh title by beating home hope Jonah Barrington 9-3, 9-2, 7-9, 9-6 in the quarter-finals of the tournament.

British number one Barrington, like Hunt, a champion, six times, quickly conceded the opening two games but staged a typically dogged recovery in the third.

Barrington, trailing 2-7, unsettled Hunt with a change of tactics and squared the game at 7-7. The score remained unaltered for four changes of service when Barrington broke clear and put himself back in contention.

Barrington's recovery seemed shortlived as Hunt raced to a 7-0 lead in the fourth game, but the Australian relaxed and allowed his 38-year-old opponent to pull back to 4-7 before he wrapped up the clash on his second match ball.

Third-seeded Mohibullah, who has never won the open, destroyed seventh-seeded Brownlee in 22 minutes.

Brownlee said, "Instead of playing my normally aggressive game, I tried to keep the rallies going. Unfortunately my change of pace just did not work against an opponent in tremendous form."

Brownlee, seventh in the world rankings added, "Though Hunt is not playing as well as he can I still believe he will keep his title."

'Fast scoring' Pakistan races toward Australia all out fourth day 617 total

FAISALABAD, March 10 (AP) — On the fourth day of the second test between Australia and Pakistan Monday, the home team was 108 for the loss of one wicket, in reply to visitors total of 617 all out.

The first Pakistani wicket to fall was of opener Haroon Rashid, L.B.W. off Geoff Dymock for 21 runs, when the total was only 87.

Taslim Arif, who is playing the second test of his career, displayed a pleasing game, scoring 67 and still having Zaheer Abbas batting was 7.

The Pakistanis were scoring very fast and had scored 108 runs at the close of the day's play in 135 minutes.

Of the Australian bowlers, only Geoff Dymock was successful by taking one wicket of opener Haroon Rashid yielding 16 runs.



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The other Argentine win on their way to their unbeatable lead was scored by Vilas over Brian Gottfried, 7-5 6-4 6-3. Argentina will now meet the winners of European Zone "B" in the inter-zone round in September.

Argentina's victory is one of the most staggering upsets in the history of the Davis Cup, which the United States has won 26 times, including last year. Argentina has never captured the trophy.

McEnroe's defeat by Vilas was his second in the tie here following an unbeaten run of 11 matches in Davis Cup singles.

Meanwhile, it was a different story in Hartford, Connecticut as little-known Jim Osborne led the United States to its fifth straight World Cup tennis victory Sunday with a 7-5, 6-7, 6-3 victory over Australia's John Newcombe.

The versatile Australian made a mighty effort to return the 11-year-old cup to his homeland during the second set of the match.

Osborne, playing for the first time on a U.S. team, bounced back in the final set to break Newcombe's serve in the second game. He was chosen in the last 24 hours to replace injured Tom Gorman.

Pressed by the Australian's strong service, Osborne faltered repeatedly only to recover with a service ace or brilliantly passing shot.

Osborne said the victory was thrilling, but he was even prouder to be a non-playing member of the 1968 U.S. team that recovered the Davis Cup from Australia.

New U.S. sports star opposes call for Olympic boycott

PARIS, March 10 (R) — Craig Virgin, who became the first American winner of the World Men's Cross Country Championship here Sunday will use his new status to press for U.S. participation in the Moscow Olympics.

Virgin, still breathless after a devastating finishing burst that swept him past West German Hans Juergen Orthmann and England's Nick Rose in the final 200 meters, said he would be visiting President Jimmy Carter with a delegation of American athletes who want to compete in Moscow.

"We will be going to see the president about the Olympics," said Virgin, a 24-year-old from Lebanon, Illinois. "I want to represent the United States in Moscow."

On the evidence of Soddy's performance, Virgin would be a leading contender to win the 10,000 meters in Moscow in July if he were allowed to go. He demonstrated a shrewd tactical sense to combat a brave piece of front running by Rose and then picked off his rivals as their legs buckled in the closing strides.

Rose took the lead at the quarterway mark to the 11.9 kilometer race and then, using a tactic he has often employed in the track, tried to burn off his rivals with sudden surges of speed that at one point carried him more than two seconds clear.

But with Longchamp Racecourse having recovered well from recent rain he must have known that the firm going would make him vulnerable to a fast finisher — and so it proved.

Orthmann was the first onto his shoulder at the 11 kilometer mark and the West German, his face set determinedly under a yellow cap, seemed to have the race won when he started to pull away from the tiring Englishman. But then Virgin produced his hurling finish, driving past Rose with 200 meters left and catching Orthmann 50 meters later.

The American reached the tape in 37 minutes 01.1 seconds with Orthmann just over a second behind and Rose a further three seconds back. Leo Schots of Belgium, who won the title in 1977 was fourth, Scotland's 1,500 meters specialist John Robson fifth and Alexander Antipov of the Soviet Union sixth.

Rockbottom Standings Atlantic Division		
W	L	Percentage
53	16	.768
51	18	.739
35	36	.493
33	36	.478
31	41	.431
Central Division		
44	27	.620
35	36	.495
33	41	.471
31	40	.437
29	43	.403
16	55	.225
Western Conference Midwest Division		
43	29	.597
41	31	.569
26	45	.366
34	47	.338
22	51	.301
Pacific Division		
50	21	.704
50	24	.494
47	24	.662
33	38	.444
33	39	.458
22	50	.306

Powerful service propels Amaya to Washington tournament win

WASHINGTON, March 10 (AP) — Victor Amaya used his big serve to win the \$125,000 men's tennis tournament here by defeating No. 7 seeded Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia.

Lendl had defeated third-seeded Eddie Dibbs to reach the finals Sunday.

The 25-year-old Amaya agreed that he served well during the match but said a major factor to the victory was his ability to volley on Lendl's return of serve.

"I saw him play Roscoe during the week," said Amaya, referring to the tournament's defending champion and No. 1 seed Roscoe Tanner, who was beaten by Lendl Friday. "He handled his (Tanner's) first serve very well. He hits the service return to your feet and it is difficult to handle."

Each of the players held serve until the

10th game, although Amaya came back from a break point to hold at 4-3.

In the 10th game, with the score at deuce, Lendl served what appeared to be an ace, with two linesmen calling it in, but umpire Jack Tishman ruled it long. Lendl lost the point to give Amaya the advantage and he won the next point and the tie 5-5.

In the next game, Amaya was down 30-40 and served off three straight aces to hold service at 6-5 and then Lendl tied it 6-6 and set the set a tiebreaker. Lendl won the tiebreaker 7-5.

Down 3-1 when Lendl broke in game four, Amaya broke back on Lendl's next two serves and blasted his way to a 5-3 lead in game eight, hitting three aces mixed in with a double fault, and won the point with a volley placement. In Boston, Massachusetts Top-seed Tracy Austin and Billie Jean King lead the 32-player field in a \$125,000 women's tennis tournament beginning Monday at Boston University.

King, who the Detroit Tournament Feb. 24 and the Houston event a week later, begins play Tuesday night against Terry Holliday. The 17-year-old Austin, who has won two tournaments this year, also will wait until Tuesday night to open.

Evonne Goolagong is seeded second.

Martina Navratilova has won four tournaments this year, more than any other player, but is skipping the Boston stop.

The sixth wicket partnership of Rodney Marsh and Graham Yallop contributed 127 runs to visitors' total.

Of the Pakistani bowlers, new test cap Tausif Ahmad did a good job capturing three Australian wickets yielding 77 runs to 35 overs.

(Central Press photo)
BLOCK THAT KICK: Vaughan Jones of the Bristol Rovers (on ground) centers the ball as Colin Powell of Charlton tries to stop him during a recent British soccer match.

In Cup draw

Arsenal paired with Liverpool

LONDON, March 10 (R) — Arsenal, the holders, were paired with Liverpool, league champions and current leaders, when the semi-final of England's Football Association (F.A.) cup were drawn here Monday.

Liverpool, who knocked out Arsenal's neighbors Tottenham in London on Saturday, will be playing in their seventh semi-final. Arsenal their 15th. It is a confrontation which many fans had hoped to reserve for the final 10 times.

The other semi-final brings together the less fashionable half of the London-Versailles contest which the cup has this year become.

Everton, shock conquerors of Ipswich in the quarter-finals, face second division West

Han, who were again superior visitors in Astoria Villa by a last minute penalty on Saturday.

Everton, though currently struggling on the fringe of the First Division's relegation zone, have a formidable record in the cup. They have reached the semifinal 18 times, final 10 times.

Nine years ago Arsenal beat Liverpool 2-1 after extra time to win the cup and they went on to win the league, so completing a "double" which only Tottenham had achieved this century. This season Liverpool have the same target.

Ray Kennedy, striker in that Arsenal team, has since moved to Liverpool, where he has won England honors as a midfield man.

Thomas wins America Cup with perfect 10

NEW YORK, March 10 (AP) — World champion Kurt Thomas — his arm raised in victory by teammate Bart Conner — scored a perfect 10 on the horizontal bars Sunday and 13-10 year old surprise Tracey Talavera won the American Cup Gymnastic Championship.

Thomas received three tens and a nine from the judges, with the lowest score deleted. United States Gymnastics Federation spokesman said they believe it was the only ever awarded for horizontal bar competition.

"I looked at two of the judges after the bar and two kind of nodded 'Yes,'" said Thomas. "The 10 on the bar topped everything I've ever done."

Thomas scored 58.85 overall points to surpass the meet record of 51.0. Conner received 58.40 points for second place in the men's division, followed Bulgaria's Stojan Delchev with 54.45.

Talavera led the female competitors with 39.10, followed by Emilia Eberle of Romania with 39.00 and America's Marcia Frederick with 38.80.

Thomas scored a 9.70 on the rings, a tie with Conner.

He won the floor exercise with a 9.70, the pommel horse with a 9.90. It was a meet record for the pommel horse.

He won the parallel bars with a 9.90. Conner tied for first on the vault with Igor Verny of the Soviet Union at 9.70.

Talavera, the meet's youngest competitor, the highest meet score since Romania's Nadia Comaneci received a score of 10 in 1976.

Talavera also led on the uneven bars with a 9.85 and a 7.80 on the balance beam to edge world champion Vera Cerna, 16, of Czechoslovakia.

Dimitra Turner of Romania won the vault with a 9.75.

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A grand old man of the Senate

By Jean Grant

DHAHRAN — At the house where Senator J. William Fulbright was staying, the door was ajar. Inside, a few feet away, was an official from the public relations department of the University of Petroleum and Minerals (UPM) and a pleasant-mannered man who introduced himself as Merle Thorpe.

Thorpe, dressed like a Chicago banker, explained that, as one of the Senator's associates long interested in the Middle East, he was accompanying Fulbright on his trip to Saudi Arabia.

Fulbright is a robust man, wearing that day a grey-and-white striped seersucker suit and open-necked shirt. He appears to be in his mid-50's though he is 75 years old; grand old man of the Senate.

When I confessed my surprise at his youthful appearance, the Senator drawled happily, "that's a sign of a virtuous life, the will of Allah."

Fulbright was one of six children. His father died when he was very young, and he probably would have stayed all his life in the small state of Arkansas had he not won a scholarship to Harvard. Marrying a woman, who last year successfully recovered from open-heart surgery, was "the best thing that ever happened to me." They have two daughters and five grandchildren after 48 years of marriage.

Fulbright first became involved in the Middle East in 1956 at the time of the Suez crisis and the first Israeli occupation of Sinai. His reasonable and consistent views on the Arab-Israeli dispute and the Palestine problem make Fulbright something of a rarity on the American political scene. How has his support for Arab demands come about?

His own experience as a young man growing up in Arkansas — "a relic of the War between the States" — showed him defeat and humiliation. He can easily sympathize with the bitterness of Arab youth in not dissimilar circumstances.

Although it is illegal for American political groups to accept money from foreign sources, Fulbright believes that Arabs can effectively and legally promote their cause in America. Recipients of their support might include such educational institutions as the Center for Contemporary Arab Studies in Georgetown, Washington, D.C. It would be perfectly proper, he explains, to help institutions which provide information about the Arab world, giving journalists and researchers a more balanced picture of Middle East affairs.

There are many prominent Arab-Americans in such states as Michigan and Texas, but they have not yet organized. Jewish Americans began to organize in earnest after the 1956 war, but it is the American institutions like the Association of Arab-Americans are just now getting started. Chronically short of funds, they suffer from the lack of any tradition of contributing to political groups on the part of the Arab-American community.

The Israeli lobby offers Arab groups stiff competition. Six-to-seven million strong, the Jewish community in America is politically very active. Its members contribute not only to Israel but also to local American political activities. The Senator ticked off on his fingers the states where American Jews heavily influence the politically situation: they include the crucial states of New York, California, Illinois, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey.

The Jewish community, he said, has so

Critical of the Camp David accord when it

was formulated, Fulbright admits his doubts continue since "it has not brought about the kind of co-operation we want with Arab states." He believes the U.S. was "heavy-handed" in attempting to get Saudi Arabia to support it.

Nonetheless, the Senator believes that working within even the weak and limited framework of the Camp David accord with the intent of obtaining something better is in the best interests of the Arabs; it would prevent, for example, the annexation of the West Bank by the Begin government, which the current deadlock makes possible.

Fulbright supports a peace settlement which goes beyond the Aswan formula and the "extremely limited administrative autonomy proposed by the Begin government."

The plan is based on Palestinian self-determination in a sovereign state on the West Bank and Gaza. "The minimum compensation for the great historic injustice done to the Palestinians is the right to form a political unit of their own choice on one quarter the land area of Palestine."

The plan also includes the "mutual recognition by Palestinians and Israelis of the right to peace, the establishment of Arab sovereignty over the Muslim holy places in Jerusalem, the deployment on U.N. forces in demilitarized zone, and lastly a guarantee of the settlement by the Security Council."

This is not present American policy, but there is a good deal of support for the plan.

Almost all peace settlements are imposed to some degree or another, the Senator remarked, and they can work so long as they are enforced and impose no grave injustice on one of the parties. The Congress of Vienna brought peace to Europe for over a hundred years. The Treaty of Versailles, if enforced, might have prevented the eruption of World War II.

Although concerns for keeping the peace has generally been voiced in terms of Israeli

concerns, Fulbright cited distinguished historian Walid Khalidi who has said "the real security question posed by the Palestinian state is for how long would the Israeli brigadier-generals be able to keep their hands off such a delectable sitting duck?"

Although Fulbright has often stood alone in his support of the Arabs, his views are not acceptable without reservation to Palestinians. In the question period which followed his speech, several students groped for the right words at the audience microphones.

These relations are on vacation, so they assume you are too. They come and stay during the week, and behave as if it were the weekend; they get up late, which I don't object to, but then hang around the kitchen chatting at an hour when any reasonable woman is either cleaning or out at her job. They sit up till all hours, because they don't have to get

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Rhodesians undergo training in preparation for the unification of the armed forces.

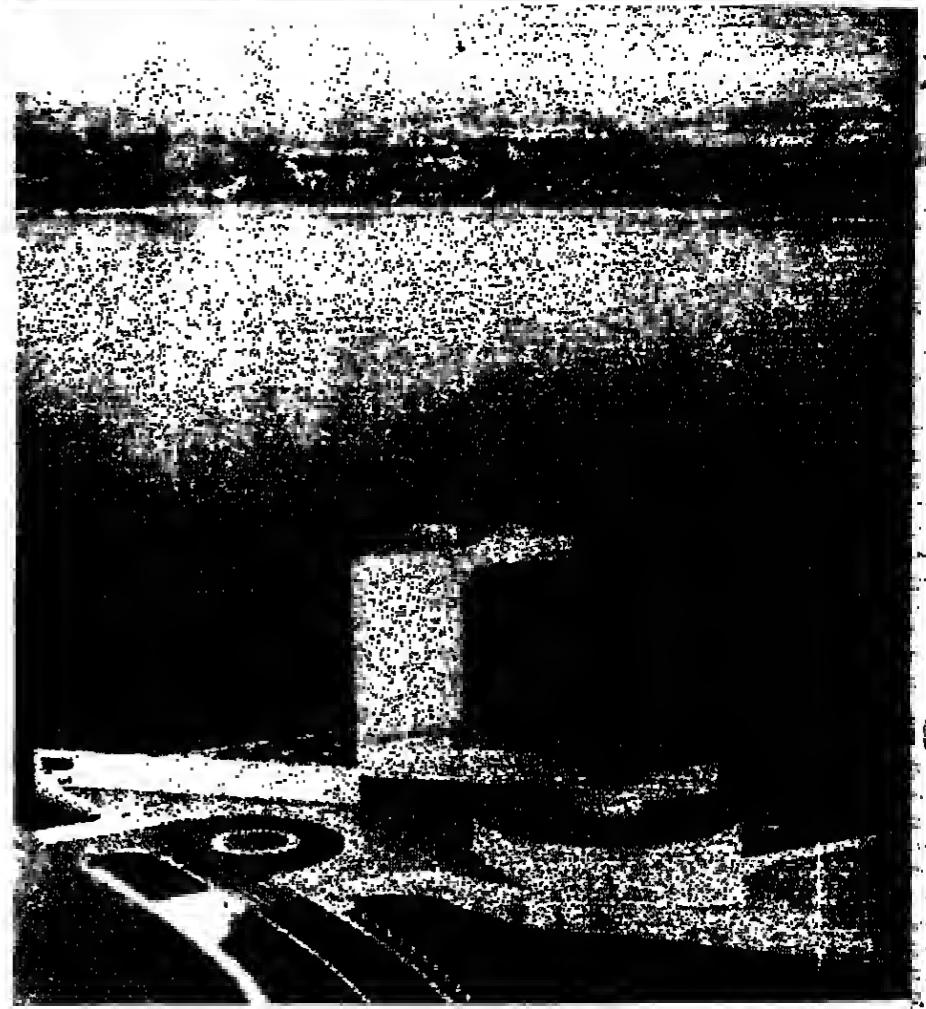
Paul McCartney holds his nine-month-old son at Heathrow after they turned up too late for the Concorde flight to New York.



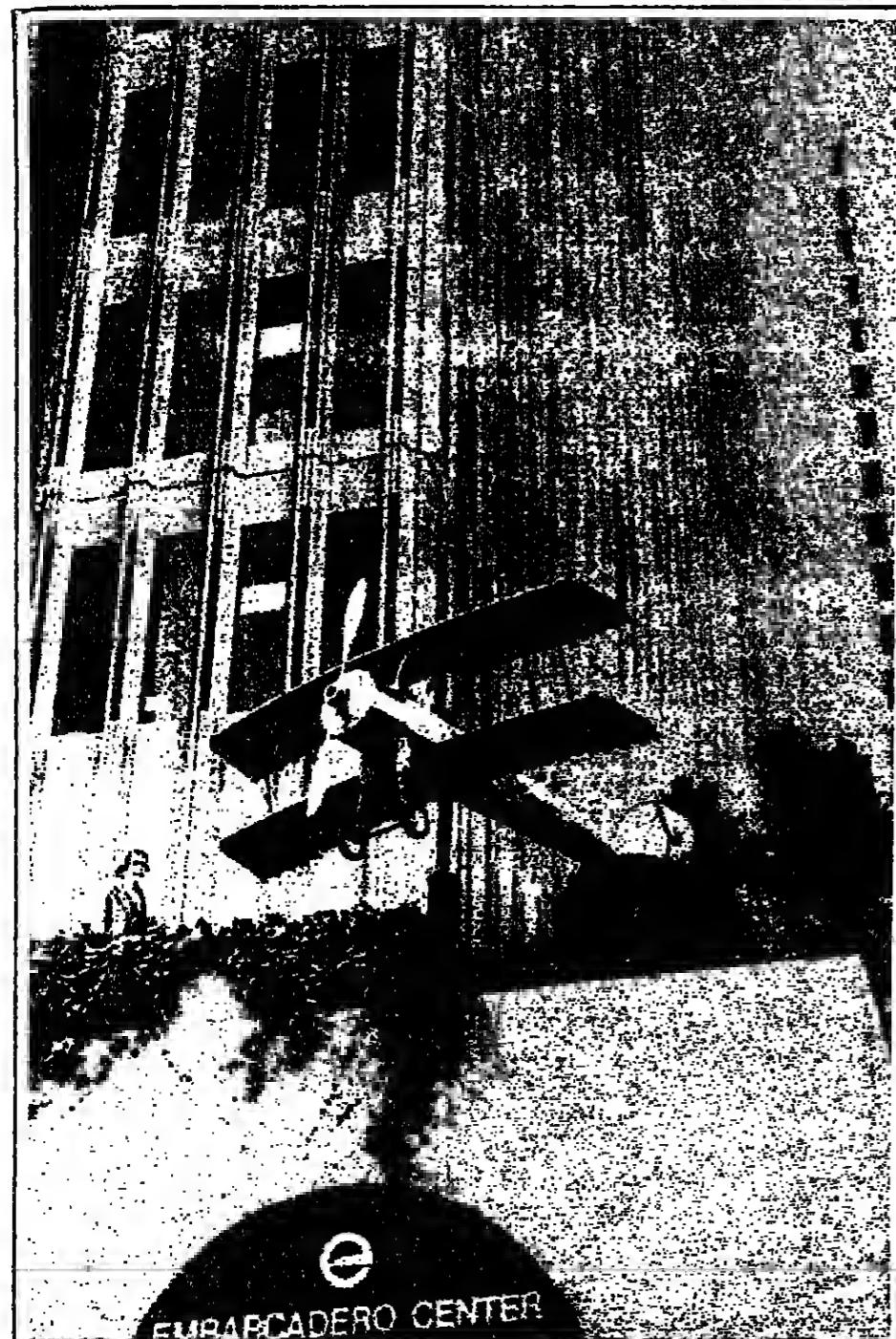
Delicately balanced on two bucking dolphins, a Californian rides the waves for an audience in Florida.



Thanks to Yul Brynner 11-year-old Richard Chai, a Vietnamese refugee, was able to pay his board at school and continue his education.



An aerial view of the new John F. Kennedy Library in Boston.



The latest addition to the San Francisco skyline is a sculpture of a World War I Sopwith Camel biplane. The replica, done by Tyler Hoare, is at the city's new Embarcadero Center.



Carlos Ortiz de Rosa, the ambassador of the Argentine Republic, leaves his embassy for an audience with the Queen.



In Basque home-rule elections

Nationalists emerge victors

IAN SEBASTIAN, Spain, March 10 (R) — Basque Nationalists Monday emerged as winners in elections for their troubled region's first home-rule parliament, delivering a sharp rebuff to the Madrid Central government.

With most of the votes counted from Sunday's election in the three Spanish Basque provinces, the moderate Basque Nationalist party was set to win 25 of the new autonomous assembly's 60 seats, according to provisional results.

24 killed in Manila

Grenades rip movie theaters

MANILA, Philippines, March 10 (AP) — One 24 persons were killed and about 240 were injured Sunday when urban terrorists threw grenades inside two southern Philippine cinemas and a town plaza, the official Philippine News Agency reported.

The attacks were the latest in a series of bombings on Mindanao, the Philippines' second largest island, during the last two months. They were the first in the generally peaceful Zamboanga and Iligan cities.

Iigan is a Christian enclave in the heavily Muslim north-central Mindanao area, just south of Muslim Marawi city.

INA said Ozamis Mayor Jesus Sanciangco said that the explosions in the two theaters were almost simultaneous at about 2 p.m. and a grenade planted in a third movie, the Mabuhay, did not explode.

The agency said witnesses reported the two grenades were thrown from the balconies of the two theaters into the orchestra below. Moviegoers fled in panic after the explosions, they said.

INA said most of the victims were students at local colleges and universities, but that adults and children also were killed and injured.

INA correspondent Ralph Tapere

Salvador gets new member in ruling military junta

AN SALVADOR, El Salvador, March 10 (AP) — The Christian Democratic Party elected its leader, Jose Napoleon Duarte, to the vacant seat on El Salvador's ruling civilian-military junta.

Duarte, chosen Sunday after a day-long election of some 200 party members, is a fiscal moderate with perhaps the largest following of any party member. He is currently Fernando Chavez Menendez in the junta to replace Hector Hiriart Dada, who quit from the junta last Monday because of unspecified policy disagreements.

Meanwhile, another death was reported in Central American nation's undecided between rightist and leftist factions. Juan Alberto Ramos, a leader of the leftist Star Action Front and an organizer of the Coalition, was found bludgeoned to death in a car in San Salvador. Police said he

Botha calls for racial conference

JOHANNESBURG, March 10 (R) — Prime Minister Pieter Botha's call for all races to take part in decision making in white-ruled South Africa has brought signs of a deepening division in his ruling National Party.

In a major speech in Cape Town Sunday, while categorically rejecting a one-man-one-vote system for South Africa, called for a tri-racial national conference to discuss country's future in regard to the victory in October of nationalist leader Robert

Mugabe.

Botha stressed that change in the country's rigid apartheid laws was vital if South Africa was to combat growing isolation.

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In his speech to leading national party supporters he challenged, "If you don't want your party then choose another — but do it while you are united."

Two other radical nationalist parties close to the Basque Separatist Organization won a projected total of 17 seats. But Spain's ruling Union of the Democratic Center slumped to a humiliating defeat with only six.

The poor UCD showing was the second major political setback for the central governing party in less than two weeks. On Feb. 28, voters in southern Andalusia ignored UCD advice and plumped for a rapid switch to home rule, although they failed to muster the required absolute majority in a referendum.

Political analysts said Sunday's Basque rebuff augured badly for the UCD's chances in the March 20 elections for a home-rule parliament in Catalonia province.

Twenty eight people have been killed in the region this year, 18 of them by the guerrilla group ETA in continuing fight for an independent Marxist Basque state.

There has been a recent lull in the killing, and political sources said ETA was bolding its fire so as not to prejudice the chances of the pro-independence coalition Herri Batasuna (Union of the People) in Monday's election.

No incidents were reported in the early hours of polling which began lightly as driving rain swept across the three Basque provinces of Vizcaya, Guipuzcoa and Alava. Officials predicted a heavier turnout as the day wore on.

Among the first to brave the wintry weather was 83-year old Jesus Maria de Leizaola who returned to Spain from France three months ago after heading a Basque government in exile during the Franco dictatorship.

Leizaola, a candidate of the PNV, told reporters, "This is an historic day for Euskadi (the Basque country), a day in which the Basque people will decide on their immediate future."

The elections are expected to confirm the PNV as the biggest party in the region in general elections a year ago, it won 27 percent of the vote.

But disaffection among Basques with the pace of devolution of powers from Madrid could damage the standing of the two major national parties, the ruling Union of the Democratic Center and the Opposition Workers Socialist Party.

The UCD won 17 percent of the Basque vote last year and the PSOE 19 percent.

The elections will also test the strength of Herri Batasuna which, since capturing 15 percent of the vote last year, has been split by internal dissension.

A falloff in support for Herri Batasuna would probably favor the other main Basque party, Euskadi Eskerra (the Basque left) which has campaigned strongly for the radical nationalist vote.

The first significant results are expected in the early hours of Monday.

Prime Minister Adolfo Suarez followed the Basque results closely from Madrid amid growing speculation that he might be considering cabinet changes to make room for moderate Basque and Catalan ministers.

Gandhi suggests ways to counter high oil prices

NEW DELHI, March 10 (AP) — Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi said Monday that poor Asian countries should turn rising prices for petroleum-based synthetic products to their advantage by promoting their own goods, including natural fibers.

"Countries in this region should take full advantage of the beneficial fallout from the increase in the prices of petroleum, which could cause a spurt in demand for natural rubber, jute, cotton and other fibers," Gandhi told the opening session of the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization regional meeting.

Some underdeveloped nations were rich in oil resources while others had extensive stocks of food reserves, she pointed out. To cut back the oil import bill, Mrs. Gandhi urged the poor to recycle of waste products as an energy alternative.

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DIALING FOR DOLLARS: Success is ringing in the ears of one of Canada's largest telephone companies after a financial breakthrough with the South Korean government. They have just won a large equipment contract expected to be worth \$ 90 million. The sales package includes Northern Telecom's new advanced DE-4 channel bank, a technically sophisticated system, designed by Bell Northern Research, that enables a company to link switches to digital transmission systems.

Vice Premier Li Xiannian says

New Chinese policy retires aging leaders

PEKING, March 10 (AP) — One of China's aging leaders, Vice Premier Li Xiannian, said Monday that Communist Party posts no longer will be held for life, in order to give opportunity to younger people."

Li 75, said the decision to amend the constitution accordingly was made at the recent Central Committee meeting.

Li, who is one of four party vice chairmen, reportedly made the comments during talks with Pennsylvania Governor Richard Thornburgh.

Li also explained the recent rehabilitation of the late, disgraced Chief of State Liu Shao-chi as a step to seek "truth from facts."

He said late party chairman Mao Tse-tung's "bad wrong information" about Liu, whose pragmatic economic policies earned Mao's

enmity. "Liu made great contributions to the Communist Party," said Li, "and this is what we call a wrong case. Of course, it bad something to do with the late chairman (Mao) because he bad wrong information about it (the case) himself."

Li said the rehabilitation restores "Mao's own thought to seek truth from facts."

The comment is the latest move to reduce Mao to infamy.

"Seek truth from facts" is a slogan, of Vice Premier Deng Xiaoping, also an old enemy of Mao.

In other matters Li said China has begun experiments in nuclear energy but "this is not on the agenda yet."

Li reportedly made the comment to

Thomburgh, and complimented him on his handling of the Three-Mile Island nuclear accident in his state on March 28, 1979. "I think you handled the whole thing very nicely," he said.

The conversation later was reported by a member of the Pennsylvania delegation.

In response to a question from Thomburgh, Li said, "we have oil that has not been explored and a lot of hydroelectric power, so we are not in a position to develop nuclear energy at the moment."

The vice premier added that Three-Mile Island "not only raised some confusion in the minds of the American people, some of our European friends told me they had a serious debate on the future of nuclear energy."

Shipping heiress divorces Soviet husband

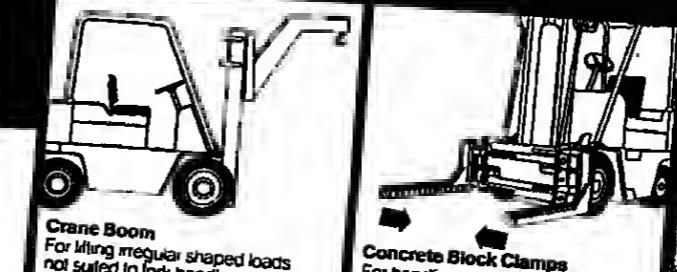
LONDON, March 10 (R) — A British newspaper Monday reported that Greek shipping millionaire Christina Onassis has divorced her Soviet husband, Sergei Kauzov.

"We were divorced two weeks ago here in Switzerland," the Daily Express quoted her as telling one of its reporters in an exclusive interview in St. Moritz.

The couple married in Moscow in August 1978 and last December Christina's Athens lawyer said she planned to file for divorce because of irreconcilable differences.

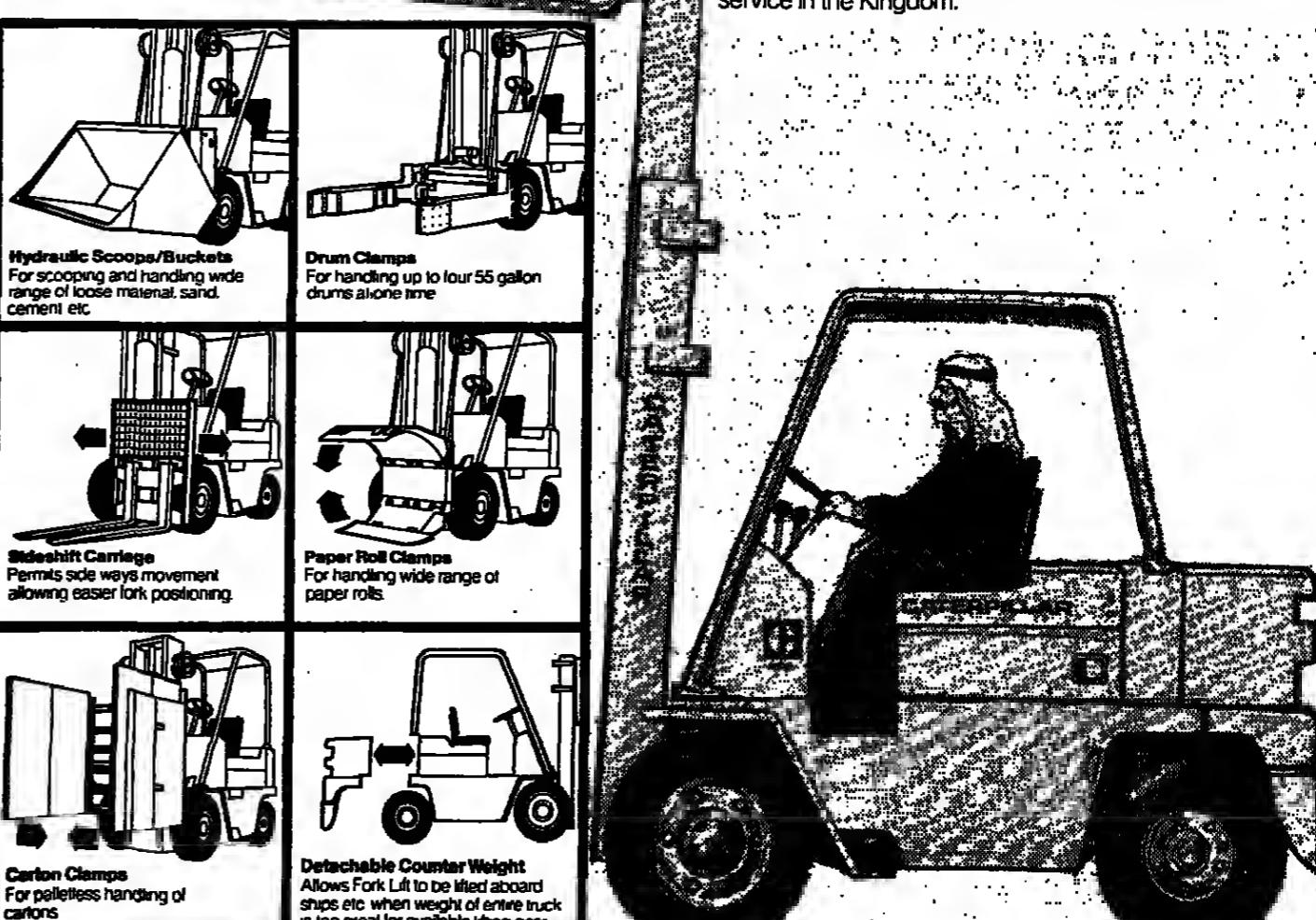
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U.S. searches backward to ease energy squeeze

SAN FRANCISCO, March 10 (AP) — The United States is inching toward taking a giant step backward, returning to 50-year-old technology to help ease the energy squeeze of the 1980s.

The technology in question is energy "cogeneration," in which electricity is generated by "fuel" that would otherwise be wasted — industrial steam that spews into the air or wood chips and trash that can be burned to create more steam.

The steam can then be channeled into turning power-generating turbines.

The net effect is almost a doubling in fuel efficiency, from a level of 35 per cent to 40 per cent in a normal plant to 75 per cent to 80 per cent with cogeneration. By getting double duty from fuel, half as much is needed.

It's all part of the trend to alternate power sources such as solar and wind power, and experts say cogeneration promises a drastic reduction in U.S. dependence on imported oil and nuclear power.

"It is the immediately available energy alternative to coal and nuclear plants," says Jim Harding of the environmental group, Friends of the Earth.

"It will be energy at bargain prices, compared to building big new power plants," says Bob Burt of the California Manufacturers Association.

There is a 6,000 megawatt potential in cogeneration in California alone — the equivalent of six 1,000-megawatt nuclear plants," says Claire Dedrick, a member of the State Public Utilities Commission.

Cogeneration is not some new trend being touted only by "California-type" conservationists. The huge Dow Chemical Company has taken to cogeneration in a big way, according to Andy Hoch, manager of Dow's plant in Pittsburgh, about 64 kilometers east of San Francisco.

"In all our Dow sites we have gone to cogeneration," he said. "It doubles our efficiency and cuts our costs. You end up using half the fuel."

The Pittsburgh plant has been self-sufficient in electricity and steam used in processing

since the cogeneration system was completed in 1977 for about \$ 12 million, Hoch said.

In the 1930s, U.S. industry got 25 per cent of its electricity from cogeneration. Now cogeneration provides only 4 per cent of the country's generating capacity.

Observers say that starting 50 years ago, utilities turned from cogeneration to the "economy of scale," favoring the construction of ever bigger power plants because that was cheaper — until the prices of oil and natural gas skyrocketed.

"It's an idea whose time has come back," says the Puc's Dedrick, a major supporter of cogeneration.

"If taken to its logical conclusion, cogeneration can make this country self-sufficient in energy — if included with municipal waste use and renewal fuel such as wood and alcohol.

"It has a number of environmental and economic advantages," Dedrick adds. "It is relatively inexpensive, a conventional technology. Cogeneration plants can be on-line in three to five years, as opposed to 10 years for a large nuclear or coal-fired power plant.

Meanwhile, a dramatic increase recorded in gasoline supplies in the United States could mean an end to the gasoline shortage — and to soaring gas prices, oil analyst Dan Lundberg said Sunday.

Lundberg, whose weekly Lundberg Letter surveys trends in the petroleum industry, says gasoline stocks are at near record levels and refiners are releasing more gas to the public this month than they have since last November.

At the same time, public consumption continues to decline. American motorists bought 11 per cent less gasoline in the last three months than they did during the same period last year, Lundberg said.

"Unless people now start buying more gasoline than they have been at current prices, there could be a surplus of publicly available gasoline in March in the nation as a whole," he said. "It's a 180-degree turnaround that few oil company executives forecast."

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 6.00 P.M. Monday.

	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
U.S. Dollar	3.36	3.35	3.35
Pound Sterling	7.46	7.45	7.43
Deutsche Mark (100)	187.00	187.00	185.80
Swiss F (100)	195.00	196.00	194.00
French F (100)	80.00	80.00	79.60
Italian Lira (10,000)	41.00	40.00	40.20
Lebanese Lira (100)		100.50	100.00
Syrian Lira (100)		79.50	85.90
Egyptian Pound		4.45	4.45
Kuwaiti Dinar		12.16	12.16
Jordanian Dinar		11.25	11.18
Emirates Dirham (100)		89.50	89.50
Qatari Riyal (100)		91.20	91.20
Bahraini Dinar		8.86	8.86
Iranian Riyal (100)		—	—
Irqi Dinar (100)		10.50	—
Yemeni Riyal (100)		74.10	73.75
Moroccan Dirham (100)		84.00	89.30
India Rupee (100)		—	41.30
Pakistani Rupee (100)		—	34.00
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Silver kg.		—	—
Japanese Yen (1,000)	3.60	—	13.60
Canadian Dollar	2.90	3.00	—
Belgian Franc (1,000)	115.00	117.00	—
Dutch Guilder (1,000)	170.00	172.00	170.00
Spanish Peso		50.50	51.00
Greek Drachma (1,000)		80.00	—
Philippines Peso (1,000)		—	46.00
Singapore		—	1.55

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7	Gederer	A.E.T.	Durra	4/3/80
8	Scapwill	S.C.S.A.	Bagd. Grain	8/3/80
9	Winchester universal	St	Reefer	8/3/80
10	Yannis Nikolas	Ori	Bagd. Barley	2/2/80
11	Demetrios 'C'	O.C.E.	Reefer	7/8/80
12	Atalaya	M.T.A.	Timber	9/3/80
13	Wild Avocet	O.C.E.	Reefer	2/2/80
14	Munchester Castia	A.E.T.	Contra/Loadng Reels/	9/3/80
15	Odyssaeus	Rolaco	Empty Containers	9/3/80
16	Grena	Abdullah	Bulk Cement	2/2/80
17	Union Caribbean	O.C.E.	Bulk Cement	8/3/80
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25	Angriks	Barber	Timber	6/3/80
26	Chai Vares	A.E.T.	Containers	9/3/80
27	Eugenia 'V'	El Hawi	Timber	6/3/80
28	Medmare	A.A.	Flour	6/3/80
29	OAK (barges)	Kanon	Contra/Gen.Pipes	5/2/80
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3	Nefeli	Gossibi	Timber	9/3/80
36	Psara Flag	SMC	Cement silo Vessel	1/4/80
38	New Bright	Gossibi	Cement in Bags	7/3/80



HARD TO SWALLOW: The first complete fuselage of a British Aerospace One-Eleven was recently loaded for its "maiden flight" to Romania. Thought to be the heaviest single load ever carried by air, the six ton fuselage was loaded on board the Super Guppy with only inches to spare. The aircraft will be completed in Bucharest as part of a production agreement between Britain and Romania. (AP photo)

Miscalculates currency rise

Rolls-Royce loses \$ 230 million in U.S.

LONDON, March 10 (AP) — Rolls-Royce has lost some 100 million pounds (\$230 million) in the past year on U.S. contracts negotiated without allowing for the rise in the British pound, most major British newspapers reported Monday.

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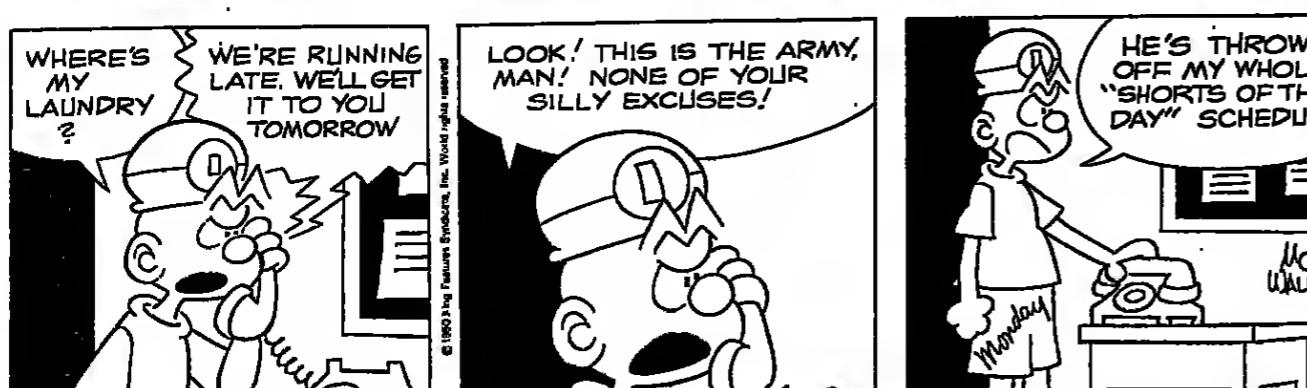
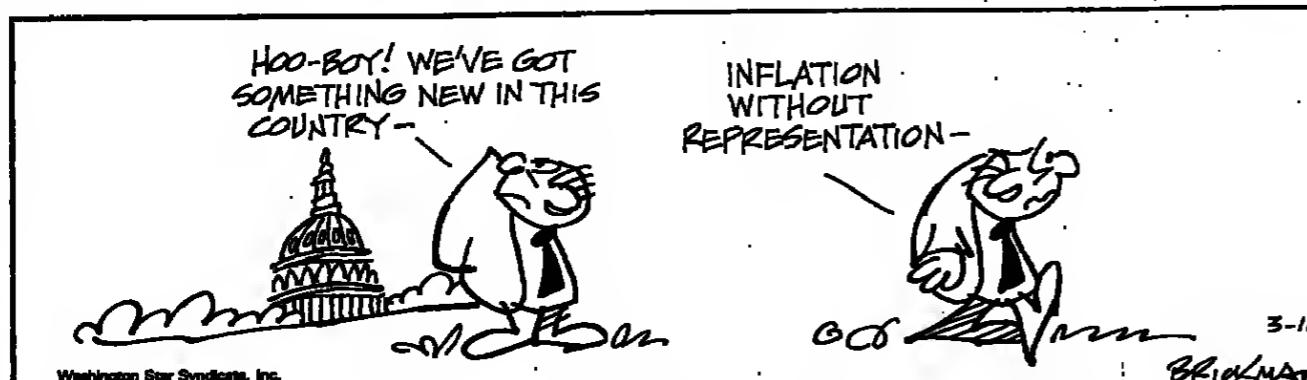
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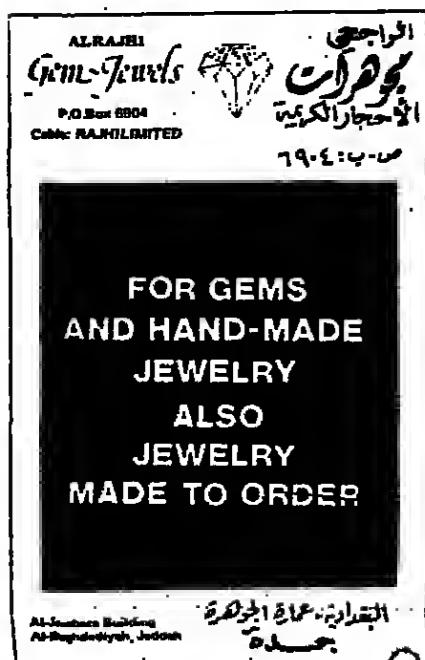
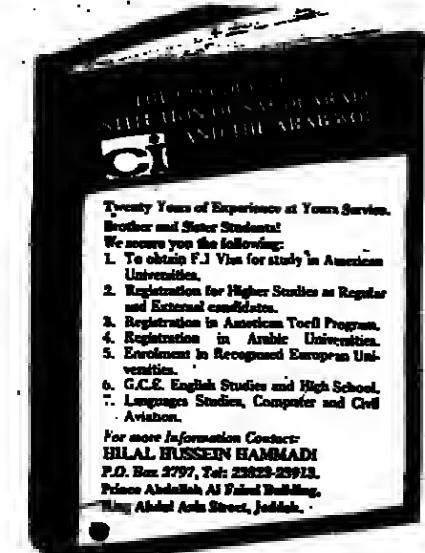
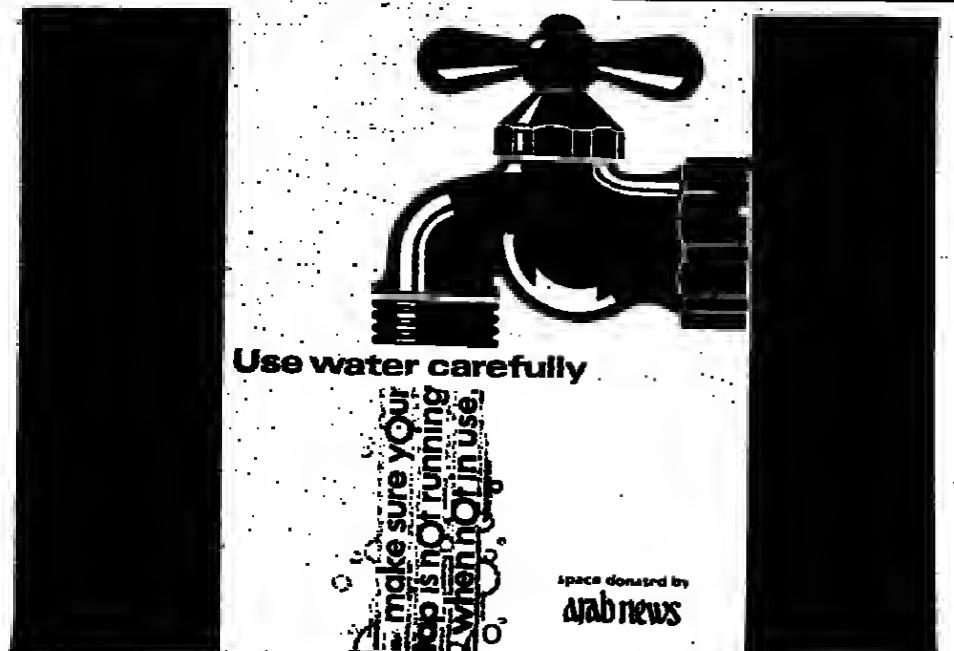
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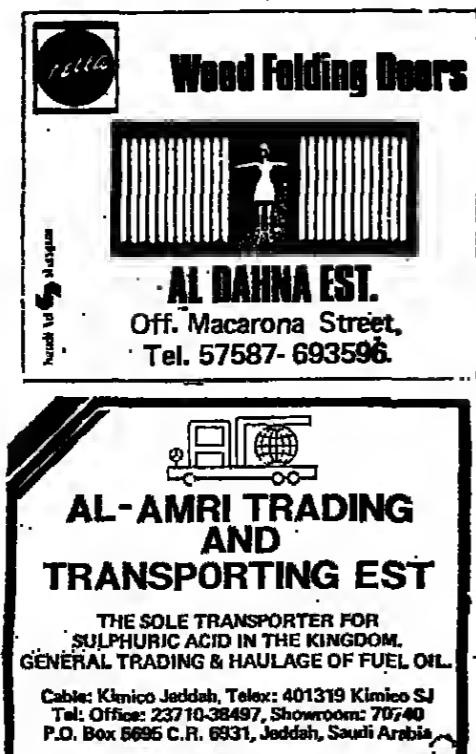
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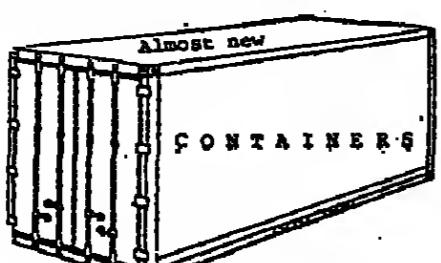
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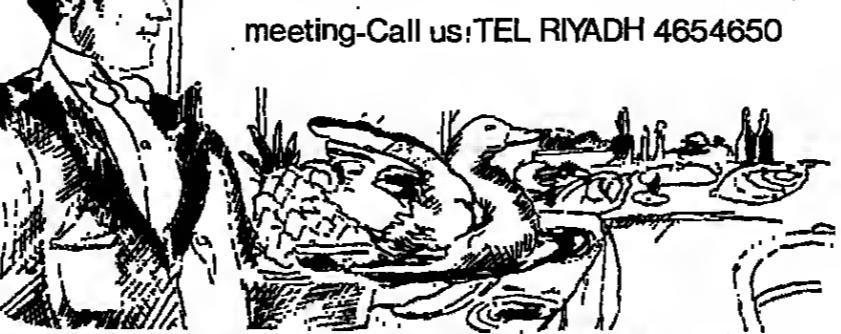
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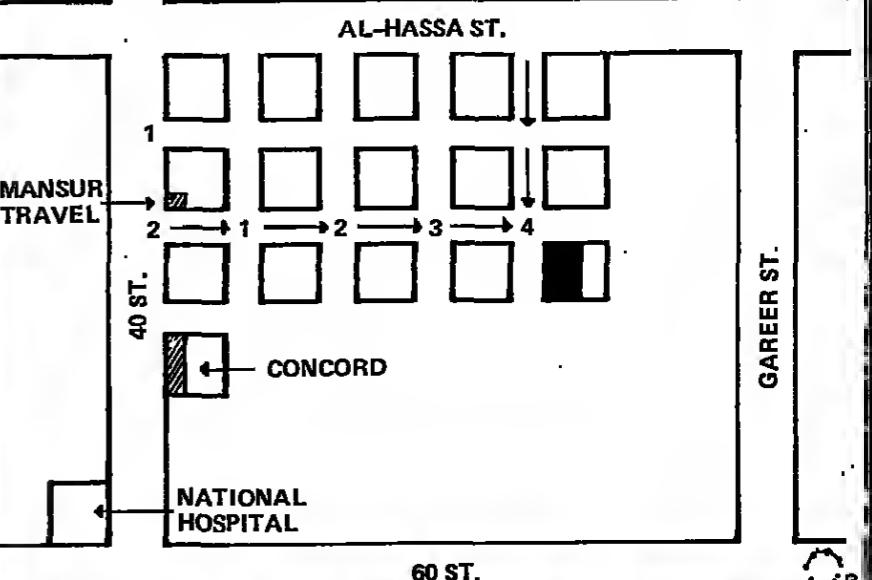
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Khomeini okays visits to hostages

Says U.N. team can query those accused of crimes against Iran

TEHRAN, March 10 (Agencies) — Ayatollah Khomeini said Monday the U.N. commission can question U.S. embassy hostages involved in crimes against Iran, but the panel can not see all the captives unless it issues its report in Tehran, the state radio said. "We shall fight against the U.S. government to the end of our life," Khomeini said.

His statement appeared to repudiate the decision by the ruling Revolutionary Council, its chief, President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr, and Foreign Minister Saeq Ghobzadeh that the militants holding the approximately 50 hostages for 128 days allow the panel to meet all the hostages or hand them over to government custody.

Khomeini's statement also ordered the embassy militants "to deliver copies of all documents concerning the U.S. intervention and the traitor Shah" to the U.N. commission. The statement was issued after 10 members of the council met with him in hopes of resolving the deadlock with the militants.

"The panel can meet with those hostages involved in the crimes of the U.S. and the Shah for questioning," Iran's 79-year-old revolutionary leader said. "If the panel issues its report on the crimes of the former Shah and interventions of the invading U.S. in Tehran it will be allowed to see all the hostages."

Khomeini concluded by saying, "I express my support for the Revolutionary Council and the honorable president and ask all the nation to help and support them." There was no immediate comment from Bani-Sadr.

The students quickly declared that proposals to turn the hostages over to Iranian government control were dead.

But Ghobzadeh, interviewed by the American Broadcasting Company in Tehran, called Khomeini's ruling a positive development. He said he hoped the U.N. panel would stay in Tehran for two or three more days to meet with several of the hostages, as Khomeini outlined, then issue a "declaration, not a report" of its findings, so it could then meet with the rest of the captives. Asked when the hostages might be freed, he reiterated, "This

is a concern of the parliament," which won't be in a position to discuss the issue until May. The militants announced Thursday they were ready to turn the captives they seized Nov. 4 over to the council. Ghobzadeh said Friday the transfer and a visit to them by the U.N. commission probably would take place Saturday. But the militants balked, saying Ghobzadeh lied when he said he had the backing of Khomeini.

The Revolutionary Council again demanded the militants surrender the hostages and allow the U.N. commission to see them. The militants agreed to a transfer Sunday, then balked again and set forth their new conditions.

Ghobzadeh said the militants' demand for a radio broadcast was aimed at attracting a crowd to the embassy so they could claim they had the support of the people.

He also suggested the hostages weren't in good condition since the militants had not invited any member of the Revolutionary Council to visit them. He said if the militants wanted to prove the captives were all right, they should permit the U.N. investigating commission to see them.

Those responsible for running the country had made a "clearcut agreement" that the U.N. commission could see the Americans and then we back out on our promise," he said. "Isn't this reason enough for us to be ashamed and embarrassed. Who in the world will consider our words and the words of our government worth a penny? How many governments do we have in this country?"

The commission arrived in Tehran Feb. 23 to investigate the revolutionary regime's charges of mass murder and plunder against the Shah and to try to ease the crisis between the United States and Iran over the hostages.

The administration of U.S. President Jimmy Carter hoped the commission's visit would result in the release of the Americans. But after the panel got there, Khomeini said the hostages' fate would be decided by Iran's new parliament, which won't be fully elected April 3, and the secretary-general of the Revolutionary Council said no decision could be made until mid-May.

\$50,000 foreign income exclusion proposed

U.S. mulls big tax breaks for overseas workers

Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, March 10 — Several bills designed to overhaul the existing tax law applied to Americans working overseas have been introduced in the U.S. Congress.

The bills, which are now before both the House of Representatives and the Senate, would either liberalize the rules on or exempt foreign income from U.S. taxes. They also simplify or repeal the section of the tax on excessive overseas living costs.

One bill introduced by Senator John H. Chafee of Rhode Island has been referred to the Senate finance committee, and a committee spokesman said hearings or the bill will be scheduled in a few weeks.

Chafee's legislation, which is backed by several American construction industry groups and seems to have the strongest chance of passage, calls for a \$50,000 off-the-top income exclusion for all Americans working overseas.

This exclusion would increase to \$65,000 after an American worker was overseas for two consecutive years.

Three bills introduced in the House of Representatives call for exempting all foreign

income from U.S. taxes. While several major American exporters favor this proposal, they also believe that it is "unrealistic" to think that Congress will take this approach.

A fourth tax reform bill just introduced in the House would make a \$20,000 tax exclusion available to all Americans working overseas. That bill would basically put Americans back on the same footing they had before 1976, when American taxpayers overseas could claim a \$20,000 taxable income exclusion. But some export analysts now argue that overseas salaries have doubled or tripled since the 1950's when the first tax bill was passed, and a \$20,000 exclusion is not enough.

American exporters, especially the U.S. construction industry whose success overseas has been hit hard by the stricter tax laws of the 1970s, are grecing the reform action in Congress with cheers.

One spokesman said the new moves toward tax reform for Americans overseas signifies that legislators are finally "looking at the taxation of Americans under Section 911 as a trade issue, not a tax issue."

U.S. companies — particularly those operating in the Middle East — have argued for

several years that the U.S. is losing billions because tax laws for expatriates drive up their bids and prices.

Recent government statistics and studies have backed up their claims. According to a General Accounting Office study the current tax policy may be costing the United States some \$7 billion in export trade annually.

And in a study released December 1979 the President's Export Council said 280,000 jobs are lost each year because of the international business American firms are losing.

The 1978 Foreign Earned Income Act is the law which now applies to Americans working abroad. The regulations implementing this law — after much public outcry from U.S. exporters — were recently broadened so that more Americans who live in camp housing could claim the \$20,000 exclusion set forth in the 1978 law.

The Treasury Department is now taking a second look at the section of the law (913) which deals with excessive overseas living costs.

A spokesman for Chafee, who recently visited several Middle East countries, said the trip "sharpened Chafee's focus" on the problems of facing U.S. companies abroad.

Citing U.S. tax laws as the major culprit in the dramatic decline of U.S. market shares

abroad, Chafee said "we are faced with the case of the vanishing American in the foreign markets."

"Saudi Arabia, where American contractors' share of the market has plunged downward since 1976, presented a 'perfect example of how we're being forced out of the market,'" Chafee said.

In introducing his tax reform bill, the Rhode Island Republican said the percentage of Americans working for American firms in Saudi Arabia has dropped from 65 per cent in 1976 to 35 per cent today.

That, Chafee said, is shocking in light of studies made by companies there showing that one American employee in Saudi Arabia generates 13 additional jobs here."

While Chafee and representatives of the American construction industry believe the Carter administration is "prepared to support some revision of the tax law" they were disappointed with the interim report of the President's Task Force on Reduction of Export Disincentives.

However, the interim report did call for "procedural reforms" of the Federal Corrupt Practices Act and the Anti-Boycott Laws and Regulations.

S. Africa rulers at odds over

JOHANNESBURG, March 10 (AP) — South Africa's National party may be on the verge of a serious split after 32 years of rule.

The confrontation between the "Verigos" or enlightened nationalists and "Verkrampers" or conservatives, was inevitable. But party insiders say Prime Minister P.W. Botha, the leader of the Verigos, was convinced by the Rhodesian election victory of Marxist Robert Mugabe that he must tackle the conservatives now. Mugabe's victory left South Africa surrounded by hostile black states.

The conservatives, led by Andries Treurnicht, have been growing increasingly unhappy about Botha's moves to dismantle apartheid. And Botha has had to slow the pace of reform because of the criticism from the right.

The crisis may climax at a cabinet meeting Tuesday morning in Cape Town when Botha was expected to order Treurnicht to withdraw his criticism of colored (mixed race) schoolboys playing rugby with whites. Should Treurnicht refuse he would be forced to resign.

Botha stung Treurnicht by saying, "The time has come for this country to realize that attitudes creating the impression that colored people are lepers must come to an end." Coloreds were a sensitive issue in this country because most of them were descendants of blacks and Afrikaners.

Party sources say the issue was carefully

chosen by Botha as one he could destroy Treurnicht with at the parliamentary caucus meeting expected to follow the cabinet meeting.

The sources say Treurnicht, as leader of the most populous province, the Transvaal, commands powerful support in the caucus. He might have had enough support to defeat the prime minister in a no-confidence vote on several other issues, the sources say.

But he has allowed himself to be manuevered into a confrontation he cannot win, the sources said. The party's policy has been that the government should not intervene in sporting matters, and thus Treurnicht has gone against party policy.

Ironically, Treurnicht and his supporters have repeatedly accused Botha in private of abandoning the party's policy on separation of the races.

Should Treurnicht challenge Botha to the party caucus and lose, which nationalist sources said was likely, then he was expected to leave the party to join the conservative Herstigte Nasionale party. Conceivably, Treurnicht could take as many as 45 members of parliament with him.

The party would still control parliament as it holds 134 of the 165 seats. But Botha's confidants say if the split occurs the prime minister will immediately call for a general election.

The issue would be Botha's claim that South Africa will be destroyed if it does not move to improve the lot of the black majority, including giving them some political power though not in a one-man, one-vote system.

The conservatives are pledged to the preservation of the white Afrikaner culture and its domination of the country. It would be argued that Mugabe's victory in Rhodesia was proof that accommodation of black demands amounts, to rule by black communists.

Gold dips to \$600; dollar firm

LONDON, March 10 (R) — The dollar was strong and gold slipped below \$600 an ounce Monday on world markets which were expecting the Carter Administration to take more action soon to curb America's high inflation.

The strength of the dollar came largely from record high interest rates in the United States at present. In the latest rise, on Friday, major banks pushed their prime lending rates to 17.75 per cent in an anti-inflation credit squeeze.

But with inflation running at an annual rate of around 18 per cent, measures are expected from President Jimmy Carter, who talked with his economic aides in the past two days. Some leaders also expect bank rates in America to go even higher.

The dollar traded in Europe Monday at around 1.8055 West German marks, compared with 1.7550 on Friday, and 1.7255 Swiss francs, compared with 1.7150. The pound sterling dropped to \$2.2183 from \$2.2277 on Friday.

There had been some intervention by European central banks which sold dollars to defend their own currencies. The Swiss authorities also relaxed regulations on the holding of foreign deposits in Swiss banks but this had little effect on the market.

Dealers said the measures were aimed at stemming the flow of money out of Switzerland but one commented: "It's a bit like shutting the stable door after the horse has bolted."

The afternoon fixing of \$585 per ounce was down from \$602.00 at the morning fixing, and down from \$609 at Friday afternoon's fixing.

Doctors say Tito resisting further decline

BELGRADE, March 10 (AP) — President Josip Broz Tito's doctors said Monday there had been no further deterioration in his health during the past day.

Their report came one day after the doctors reported Yugoslavia's 87-year-old president had fallen into very grave condition, with continuing heart weakness and increased bleeding.

"During the past day there have been no signs of deterioration of the general state of health of President Tito," the doctors said in an advisory report by Belgrade press officials.

"Indispensable measures of intensive treatment are being continued," the two-sentence bulletin said.

Tito developed kidney and heart problems in early February while recovering from the Jan. 20 amputation of his left leg because of a circulation problem.

His weekend deterioration ended what Yugoslav officials had called a nearly week-long stabilization in his declining health. Tito entered the Ljubljana Clinical Center in Slovenia on Jan. 12.

Tito has been kept alive by an artificial kidney machine since at least Feb. 22. Doctors have never disclosed details of the other intensive care measures being used.

Other medical sources familiar only with the brief official bulletin have speculated that Tito's bleeding problem could be related to anti-clotting medication used in connection with the artificial kidney machine.

Doctors have not mentioned Tito's pneumonia since last Tuesday, when they said there were signs it was improving.

President Julian Cesar Turbay Ayala asked his people to vote as a demonstration of support for democracy and a rejection of terrorism.

There were no immediate reports on the size of the turnout, but pre-election polls indicated only a quarter of the country's 13.7 million eligible voters would participate.

Political observers had said the government had delayed responding to guerrilla demands until after the elections because it feared any action would swing votes either to the small leftist parties or to the militant right wing factions.

Three rounds of talks so far — the latest last Friday — brought no apparent end to the stalemate. There was speculation the talks might resume Monday and informed sources said the guerrillas were growing impatient with the slow pace of bargaining so far.

The guerrillas, members of M-19 or Movement 19, are demanding the government release 311 comrades it claims were jailed as political prisoners. They also want a \$50 million ransom, international publication of their manifesto and safe conduct out of the country.

Sources said there was progress in the earlier negotiations on a sharply reduced ransom and a plan for a safe conduct guarantee. But the sticking point remains the release of the imprisoned leftists.

The government has refused to release them, claiming they were jailed for common crimes and are not political prisoners. Under Colombian law, only the independent judiciary can free criminals.

Good Morning

By Jihad Khazen

Americans, it is well known, will try to make money out of any situation. No sooner were the hostages held in Tehran than a whole range of products appeared on the market, ranging from Iranian flags (for public burning) to portraits of Iranian leaders done up as shooting targets. Now that the presidential races are on, appropriate goods have found their way to the country's shops so that everyone can share in the excitement and drama of the election campaigns. No need to read the papers or watch television to get your kicks. Just get a few friends around the table and play any one of the following board-games.

The first one — and they appear mostly to be based on the principles of the well known game Monopoly — is called "Presidential Fever." This turns on such things as "Candidate-Credibility" and "Ideology," and to win you have to scrape through several obstacles such as "Insults to Minorities" and "Evasion of Taxes". Those who lose are condemned to keep on starting from scratch, over and over until they drop to sleep from sheer boredom.

Another one is called "Hi-Politix" — and it is unlikely to prove popular since it is accompanied by a set of instructions running through thirteen packed sheets. The actual campaigns would be over by the time you mastered them. So why not try.

The third game — "Lie, Cheat and Steal" — no problem to play. It is even educational, for among the moves is one where you can sue your opponent — but, and here is the education, you can't do this unless you have in hand \$125,000 in real money. Some say that this game comes nearest to the real spirit of the thing, and is therefore not recommended for children under 18.

Speaking of Monopoly — perhaps the most successful of the modern board games — I saw this joke in an American paper recently. It says that the game is being updated, with the revised edition having the property values tripled, the railroad shares shooting up, and with OPEC controlling the community chest. Translated from *Asharq Al Awasat*

Colombia vote expected to spur embassy talks

BOGOTA, March 10 (AP) — The pace of negotiations to free the diplomats held hostage by guerrillas at the Dominican Republic's embassy is expected to quicken now that the nation has successfully completed its municipal and national elections.

Police increased their guard at the embassy and mounted strong patrols throughout this South American nation Sunday as thousands of Colombians voted in what Interior Minister German Zea Hernandez said "constituted a democratic reply to terrorism and violence."

The elections had been regarded as having national significance, but that changed after leftist guerrillas seized the embassy during a reception on Feb. 27. More than 10 foreign diplomats, the ambassadors of Egypt, Israel, Haiti, Brazil, Uruguay, Switzerland, Mexico, and the United States are among the more than two dozen hostages who began their 12th day in captivity Monday.

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